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 SURFACE ACTIVATION OF)
 A SOLID SUPPORT FOR)
 BUILDING BIOCHIP)
 MICROARRAYS)
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 Examiner : Unknown)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title with the following:

**METHOD FOR OBTAINING A SURFACE ACTIVATION OF A SOLID
 SUPPORT FOR BUILDING BIOCHIP MICROARRAYS**

Please add the following paragraph and heading, immediately following the title, as follows:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority to European Application Serial Number 00870184.9 filed on September 1, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph: